

Nottingham, March 30, 1797.

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ADDRESS

TO THE

Inhabitants of *Nottingham* and its *Vicinity*.

IN consequence of the recent Address to the Inhabitants of *Nottingham* and its *Vicinity*, recommending a Petition to the Throne in the present alarming Crisis of the Nation, for the removal of his Majesty's Ministers as the necessary step to that Peace so ardently desired, and the redress of those abuses which if continued, render Peace or War almost a matter of indifference; the following Petition is presented to the good sense and Patriotism of the Public. Without influence or one personal application, it makes its appeal to every individual mind, and for the purpose of receiving Signatures will lie at the EXCHANGE HALL every day from the hour of Nine in the Morning till Six in the Evening, from Friday March 31st, till ~~Tuesday~~ April 15th.

Saturday



COPY OF THE PETITION.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

SIRE,

THE Inhabitants of the Town of *Nottingham* and its *Vicinity*, respectfully approach the Throne in the hour of severe Calamity, to supplicate from your Majesty that intervention of your Royal Prerogative, which may save our Country from the ruin which hangs over it.

We lament a War which experience has proved to have had no public object in view, nor to have been capable of producing one public good. In an evil hour the Sword was drawn, and as if Heaven abhorred the act, its progress has been marked only with destruction to our Country. In the short course of four years, except the unsullied honor of the British Navy and Army, whatever has been deemed to constitute the Glory of Britain has been humbled to the dust. Its Constitution has been trampled on, its Laws have been perverted, its liberties undermined, its Blood and Treasure have been wasted with a prodigality of which History reports no example, its Manufactures and Commerce have rapidly declined, with diminished resources Taxes have been multiplied beyond human sufferance, Poverty stalks through the Land with Giant strides, and to fill up the measure of distress, the National Credit is blasted, and portends that rapid and sweeping ruin, which only the interposition of the moment can arrest.

To the Folly, the Incapacity, the Obstinacy, and the Political Depravity of those Ministers to whom the Reins of Government have been committed, we ascribe the War and all its Train of Evils. It is therefore our respectful and earnest Prayer, that your Majesty would remove those Ministers for-ever from your Presence and Councils, as the first step to that Peace which the Nation sighs after, and the only means of reviving, as far as is possible, that National Prosperity and Glory which may yet be hoped for.

In this Prayer we equally consult the duty which we owe to our Country, and what true Loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Dignity require.

And your Petitioners will ever Pray.